

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

**I. Please replace the paragraph on page 3, lines 18-19, with the following amended paragraph:**

Fig. 11 is a cross sectional view of the ~~first~~ second embodiment showing the longer arm of the shackle being released from the hook of the locking block;

**II. Please replace the paragraphs on page 4, lines 6-22, with the following amended paragraph:**

Fig. 18 is a perspective view of the ~~forth~~ fourth embodiment;

Fig. 19 is a cross sectional view of the ~~forth~~ fourth embodiment showing the shackle being locked;

Fig. 20 is an exploded view of the key operated locking means and the block of the ~~forth~~ fourth embodiment;

Fig. 21 is a cross sectional view of the ~~forth~~ fourth embodiment showing the longer arm of the shackle being released from the combination locking means;

Fig. 22 is a perspective view of the ~~forth~~ fourth embodiment showing a slot of the engaging portion of the block being rotated to a position for releasing the shorter arm of the shackle;

Fig. 23 is a cross sectional view of the ~~forth~~ fourth embodiment showing the slot of the engaging portion of the block being rotated by the key and the shorter arm of the shackle be removed from the slot;

Fig. 24 is a perspective view of the fifth embodiment;

Fig. 25 is a cross ~~sectional~~ sectional view of the fifth embodiment showing the shackle being locked and the protrusion of the block being engaged with the hemi-cylinder for preventing the block from rotation;

**III. Please replace paragraph [0008], beginning on page 6, with the following amended paragraph:**

[0008] Referring to Fig. 2 and Fig. 6, a first spring 24 is engaged with the flange 23 of the longer arm 20 of the shackle 2 for biasing the shackle 2. Therefore when the notch 441 is not engaged with the flange 23, the spring 24 can automatically eject the longer arm 20 of the shackle 2 out. Because the shorter arm 21 and the longer arm 20 are rigidly connected, when the longer arm 20 is ejected upwardly, the shorter arm 21 is also biased out of the receptacle ~~23~~ 32 of the block 3. With reference to Fig. 2 and Fig. 5, the second spring 301 is located between the combination locking means 5 and the block 3. The second spring 301 can restore the block 3 to original position and thereby the receptacle 32 can be engaged with the shorter arm 21 of the shackle 2.

**IV. Please replace paragraph [0009] on page 7, with the following amended paragraph:**

[0009] In view of the above descriptions, the shorter arm 21 of the shackle 2 can be removed from the receptacle ~~23~~ 32 of the block 3 to an unlocked position by using the key 42 to unlock the key operated locking means 4 or dialing the number wheels 50 to an unlocking number. Padlock manufactures can be requested by the government having security concern to make many padlocks with same key operated locking means 4 and the users can decide their own unlocking number. Thereby, only the owner of the padlock or the authorized security personal with the particular key 42 can open the padlock. Accordingly travelers can prevent properties locked by the padlock from being lost and the security personals can open the padlock when necessary and others cannot open the padlock.

**V. Please replace paragraph [0015] on page 10, with the following amended paragraph:**

[0015] The longer arm 711 of the shackle 71 has a stop 714 at an end thereof and the first channel 701 has a opening with a diameter smaller than the stop for preventing the longer arm 711 from fully sliding off the first channel 701. The combination locking means 9 contains a stem 91 ~~lockable~~ connected with the stop 714 of the longer arm 711 of the shackle 71 and plural number wheels 90 rotatably mounted around the stem 91 for locking or unlocking the longer arm 711 of the shackle 71. When the plural number wheels 90 of the combination locking means 9 ~~is~~ are dialed to an unlocking number, the stem 91 is unlocked and movable accordingly. Correspondingly, the stop 714 is released from moved by the stem 91 and the longer arm 711 is ~~biased~~ moved upwardly thereby, so as to remove the shorter arm 712 ~~is removed~~ from the receptacle 723. The gap 725 of the receptacle 723 is a radial gap having a smallest width at an inner periphery, wherein the smallest width of the radial gap is larger than the diameter of the shorter arm 712 of the shackle 71.